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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 PAUL VALENTINE CWALINA, II,

12 Defendant.

Case No.: 2:22-mj-00074-NJK

**Stipulation to Extend Deadlines to
Conduct Preliminary Hearing and
File Indictment (Fourth Request)**

14 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Robert M.
15 Draskovich, counsel for Defendant Paul Valentine Cwalina, II, Jason Frierson, United
16 States Attorney, and Jean N. Ripley, Assistant United States Attorney, counsel for the
17 United States of America, that the Court schedule the preliminary hearing in this case for no
18 earlier than forty-five (45) days from the date of this Stipulation. Specifically, the parties
19 request that the Court extend two deadlines: (1) that a preliminary hearing be conducted
20 within 14 days of a detained defendant's initial appearance, *see* Fed. R. Crim. P. 5.1(c); and
21 (2) that an information or indictment be filed within 30 days of a defendant's arrest. *See* 18
22 U.S.C. § 3161(b).

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1 This stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:

2 1. Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure Rule 5.1(d) provides that, “[w]ith the
3 defendant’s consent and upon a showing of good cause—taking into account the public
4 interest in the prompt disposition of criminal cases—a magistrate judge may extend the time
5 limits [for preliminary hearings] one or more times.”

6 2. Negotiations are ongoing and the parties intend to pursue a potential
7 resolution of this matter before defendant is formally charged by indictment.

8 3. This continuance is not sought for the purposes of delay, but to allow defense
9 counsel an opportunity to examine the merits of this case and the parties to pursue a
10 potential resolution.

11 4. Defendant has no opposition to the request for continuance.

12 5. This is the fourth request by the parties for an extension of the deadlines by
13 which to conduct the preliminary hearing and to file an indictment.

14 DATED this 8th day of September, 2022.

15 Respectfully submitted,

16 THE DRASKOVICH LAW GROUP

17 /s/ Jean N. Ripley

18 JEAN N. RIPLEY

19 Assistant United States Attorney

Counsel for the United States

/s/ Robert M. Draskovich

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Counsel for Defendant

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FINDINGS AND ORDER

Based on the pending Stipulation between the defense and the government, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court hereby finds that:

1. The parties have requested to continue the preliminary hearing in the above-captioned case to facilitate pre-indictment resolution.

2. Both Counsel for Defendant and Counsel for the Government agree to the continuance.

3. Defendant has no opposition to the request for continuance.

4. The continuance is not sought for the purposes of delay, but to allow defense counsel an opportunity to examine the merits of this case and the parties to pursue a potential resolution.

5. For the foregoing reasons, there is good cause to continue the preliminary hearing and allow the parties to pursue a pre-indictment resolution of this case. The additional time requested by this stipulation is excludable in computing the time within which indictment must be filed pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), and considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(i) and (iv).

1 THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the preliminary hearing in the
2 above-captioned matter for defendant Paul Valentine Cwalina, II, previously scheduled for
3 September 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., be vacated and continued to November 1, 2022, at
4 4:00 p.m., in Courtroom 3C.

5 DATED: September 9, 2022.

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9 HONORABLE NANCY J. KOPPE
10 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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